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TIMBER RIDGE RESORT'S BANQUET FACILITY FACELIFT

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH---Since owners Gordon Waggoner and Kristin Levesque purchased Timber Ridge Resort in 2005, extensive renovations and improvements have been dedicated to the grounds and facilities. The latest transformation is the remodel of the now 150-person banquet facility.

With a new roof installation already on the agenda, Waggoner and Levesque determined to spruce up the hall with the addition of more seating space, roof dormers for added natural light, new décor and interior design, new lighting options, and a tongue-and-groove wood ceiling to lend even more charm and character to Timber Ridge's event facility. Also included in the remodel was expansion of the restrooms and catering preparation area.

"We have even more additions in mind for the future," states Levesque, "but we've designed this structure to suit both the needs of a wedding party and a business meeting planner."

The October 4 wedding reception of Katie and Jeff Schacher, son of Grand Funk Railroad co-founder Mel Schacher, was the first in the newly refurbished hall. The newlyweds conveyed that their guests were raving about how wonderfully Timber Ridge's facility fit

their wedding reception to a “T”. “The staff was amazing and helped us in any way they could,” say the Schachers. “It was a very beautiful location and the remodeling, fireplace, and lighting was just exceptional.”

Northwestern Michigan College Catering’s Karri Stevens, who managed the catering for the Schacher wedding, especially enjoyed the environment and ease of service at the resort. “Not only was the space perfect for a wedding of almost any size, working with the Timber Ridge staff was a very enjoyable experience,” says Stevens. Although many guests choose to hire a professional caterer, the available prep kitchen is also ideal for those who prefer to provide their own cuisine.

With holiday party planning on the horizon, Timber Ridge Resort offers local businesses and organizations a comfortable and unique setting for their celebrations. Guests can even add a fun snowshoe hike or cross-country ski adventure to the festivities. Timber Ridge has both cross-country ski (and limited snowshoe) rental and lit loops for nighttime excursions on the trails.

Timber Ridge Resort welcomes parties, weddings, meetings, and events of all types and sizes to enjoy the banquet facility facelift and all other resort amenities, including the lodge, outdoor reception tents, covered bridge, and trails.

Timber Ridge Resort, located at 4050 Hammond Rd. East in Traverse City, is an all-season recreation resort featuring RV camping and cabin and cottage rentals from May to November; family oriented activities; banquet facilities and many sizes of reception tents for weddings, events, reunions, family gatherings, and meetings; access to the popular VASA trail system; park model sales; and renowned events like the North American

VASA, Iceman Cometh Challenge mountain bike race, and Timber Ridge's own Suds & Snow. Visit www.TimberRidgeResort.net or call (231) 947-2770 for more information.

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Photo Cutline: Timber Ridge Resort's newly remodeled banquet facility is an ideal location to host your holiday party, wedding, or other special event.